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Government of Madras

public works DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th November 1873.

No. 362. Read the following letter from Colonel C. H. DICKENS, R.A., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Buildings and Roads,) to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 25th September 1873, No. 338 A.—B.:—

WITH reference to the provision of Rupees 50,000 (recently* reduced to Rupees 44,000) made in the Madras Public Works Budget Estimate for construction of a Telegraph Office at Madras, I am directed to request that it may be stated whether the Government of Madras have any objection to the whole of this grant being made available to meet expenditure on urgent Imperial works elsewhere.

* *Vide* Public Works Department letter, No. 312 A.—B., dated 28th August 1873.

2. This inquiry is made in consequence of the construction of the work having been suspended pending a consideration of its design in view to admit of accommodation being provided for the Post Office Department. The settlement of the question will probably take some time; should the matter be however decided early enough to admit of the construction of the work being resumed during the current official year, the question of restoring the grant for the purpose, should the Government of Madras see no objection to its being given up for the present, will receive every consideration.

No. 363. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1873, No. 2,852.

ACCOUNT, No. 28.

CONSIDERING that with letter No. 2,307, of 17th September, submitting for approval of the Government of India the design of a new General Telegraph and Post Office, a request was made that an additional grant of Rupees 50,000 might be allotted for the work, on full assurance of its utilization in the current year; that a further grant of Rupees 1,00,000 for Military Works emergently required was requested in letter No. 2,448, of 6th October; that the original demands of this Government are from year to year cut down to amounts sadly incompatible with their urgent requirements; and that invidious comparisons arise therefrom, between the cost of the Public Works Establishments of this Presidency and the outlay they supervise, such outlay being to a great extent circumscribed by the insufficient Budget grants allotted, His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets his inability to comply with the request made by the Government of India for the cession of the balance of the Budget allotment of Rupees 50,000 for the new Telegraph Office at Madras.

That unexpended balance after providing by transfer for the Cocanada Telegraph Office and the sanctioned Postal Works at Arconum and Raichore for which funds have not hitherto been allotted, amounts to Rupees 30,660. To which

extent a selection will be made of the Military Works most urgently required, with a view to their being undertaken without delay, trusting to the amount being recouped in compliance with the requests above enumerated.

Ordered that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 2,853, dated 25th November 1873.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *25th November* 1873.

No. 364.

No. 2,853.

FROM

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

ACCOUNT, No. 29.

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 25th September 1873, No. 338 A.—B., I am directed to State that His Excellency the Governor in Council would willingly surrender the reduced grant of Rupees 44,000 for the Madras Telegraph Office; but as he relies on the application made by this Government in letter No. 2,448, of 6th October, for an additional assignment of one lakh of rupees being complied with, it would seem that the most convenient course would be to allow this Government to retain the amount at its disposal, and, in anticipation of the approval of the Government of India to this arrangement, the money has been appropriated to the more emergent of the Military Works for which the extra grant has been applied for.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 338 A.B

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

Buildings and Roads

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Simla, 25th September 1873.

Sir,

With reference to the provision of R250,000 (recently reduced to R44,000) made in the Madras Public Works budget estimate, for construction of a Telegraph office at Madras, I am directed to request that it may be stated, whether the Government of Madras have any objection to the whole of this grant being made available to meet expenditure on urgent Imperial works elsewhere.

2. This enquiry is made in consequence of the construction of the work having been suspended pending a consideration of its design in view to admit of accommodation being

× vide our D. letter No. 312 MB Dy 28th Aug. 1873

being provided for the Post office Department.
The settlement of the question will probably take some time, should the matter be however decided early enough to admit of the construction of the work being resumed during the current official year, the question of restoring the grant for the purpose, should the Government of Madras see no objection to its being given up for the present, will receive every consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t

Wedderburn Colln.l
Secy to Govt of India

Public Works Depart.t

J.W.B.

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No. of Govt for Rlys
No 5417.
From.
The Govt of India.

Dated 25th Sept
Rec'd 4th Oct } 1873.

No 338 I. B.

Enquiring whether there is any objection to give up the whole the current year's grants for the construction of the new Telegraph Office at Madras.

No 362

Dft to Pol & Pub Wks

No 2852 - 2853 - 25 Nov 73.

Public Works Department

No 2852

Proceedings of the Madras Government

dated the 25th Oct 1873

Read the following

From the Govt of India

(New Letter No 338 dated 25th Sept 73)

I do not understand this draft. We have already asked for 4000 per cent [illegible] and have also asked for 50,000 Rs for the current year for Telegraph Offices and [illegible]

[illegible] does not seem to be returned to us. Either one or the other has

Considering that with letter No 2307 of 17th September submitting for approval of the Government of India the design of a new General Telegraph and Post Office, a request was made that an

additional grant of Rs 50,000 might be allotted for the work, on full assurance of its utilization in the current year; that a further grant of Rs 1,00,000 for Military Works Emergently required, was requested in letter No 2448 of 6th October; that the original demands of this Govt are from year to year cut down to amounts sadly incompatible with their requirements; that invidious comparisons arise therefrom between the cost of the Public Works Establishments of this Presidency and the outlay they supervise, each outlay being to a great extent circumscribed by the insufficient Budget grants allotted, His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets his

for that purpose, but a part of them (the Rs 44000) for an emergent Military Service

Hon'ble Mr Ludwig
I am directed to
submit herewith the
reasoning -

That it appears that
the application
is (as it seems
that no such purpose
as stated either in
the P. Offr D. Offr)

- that we could
willingly comply with
their suggestion: but
that as we do not
think Rs 100,000 for
Military Works,
the amount
of Rs 44
transfer the allotment
that account.

Ltr 1/73
Letter withdrawn at
the Draft accordingly
Gaz

inability to comply
with the request made
by the Govt of Madras
for the cession of
the balance of the
Budget allotment
of Rs 50000 for the
new Telegraph office
at Madras—

That unexpended
balance after provi-
-ding by transfer for
the Cocanada Telegraph Office &
the sanctioned Postal
works at Arcotmin
and Raichore for
which funds have
not hitherto been al-
-lotted, amounts to
Rs 30660— To which
extent a selection
will be made of the
Military works most
urgently required,
with a view to their
being undertaken
without delay, trust
-ing to the amount
being recouped in
compliance with the
the requests above
enumerated—

G.W.W.
Ordered

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No 2853

To

The Secretary to the
Govt of India

Sir,

I am acknowledging the
receipt of your letter of the
25 September 1873, No 3384,
I am directed to state
that H.E. the Governor in
Council would willingly
surrender the reduced grant
of Rs 44,000 for the Madras
Telegraph Office; but as
he relies on the application
made by this Govt in
letter No 2448 of 6. Decr.
for an additional assignment

of one lakh of Rupees being Complied with, it would seem that the most Convenient Contract would be to allow this Government to retain the amount at its disposal; and in anticipation of the approval of the Govt of India to this arrangement, the money has been appropriated to the more Emergent of the Military works for which the extra grant has been applied for.

Gmw.

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Letter dispatched S.C. 26/11/73

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dates

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 25th Nov. No 2852-2853.

Nos. 362-363 & 364

New Telegraph Office at Madras. Passing orders on letter from the Bank of India enquiring whether there is any objection to give up the whole of the current years grant for the Telegraph Office.

Submitting papers in connection with the application made by the Bank of India for the surrender of the reduced grant for the Madras Telegraph Office.